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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 12/23/2004, setting a three month shortened statutory period of reply, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Petition for Extension is attached.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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